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SUBJECT: TWA SERVICE TO NICE

REF: PARIS 10271

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED TO FRENCH EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON MARCH 29:

QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE NOTE DATED  
FEBRUARY 23, 1978, OF THE EMBASSY OF FRANCE AND TO RECENT  
DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONCERNING,  
INTER ALIA, THE OPERATIONS OF TRANS WORLD AIRLINES TO NICE  
VIA GENEVA AND OF AIR FRANCE TO MEXICO CITY VIA WASHINGTON.  
SUCH OPERATIONS WOULD BE WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN  
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GENEVA AND NICE AND BETWEEN MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOTES THAT THE AIRLINES OF BOTH  
COUNTRIES HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER WISHED TO SERVE  
POINTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES NOT SPECIFIED IN THE ROUTE SCHED-  
ULES ATTACHED TO THE UNITED STATES-FRANCE AIR TRANSPORT  
AGREEMENT OF 1946, AS AMENDED. THE DEPARTMENT FURTHER

NOTES THAT IN THE RECENT PAST THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WERE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE AIRLINES' WISHES IN THIS CONNECTION ON

THE BASIS OF TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE AIRLINES TO OPERATE WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN THE POINTS IN QUESTION. THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLEASED THAT THE AUTHORITIES OF EACH GOVERNMENT WERE ABLE TO MEET THE AIRLINES' REQUIREMENTS IN THIS MANNER.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, SOME DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY HAS PRECEDED RESOLUTION OF THESE QUESTIONS. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSIDER A BROAD EXCHANGE OF SO-CALLED BLIND SECTOR AND OTHER OPERATIONAL RIGHTS IN ORDER TO PERMIT AIRLINES TO MAKE FIRM LONG-RANGE OPERATIONAL PLANS; TO RATIONALIZE THEIR SERVICES, THEREBY ENABLING THEM TO CONSERVE FUEL AND EQUIPMENT RESOURCES; AND TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO THE TRAVELING AND SHIPPING PUBLIC. THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS TO SUBMIT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

PENDING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING GENERAL QUESTION, THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED THAT THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO EXTEND THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANS WORLD AIRLINES TO SERVE NICE VIA GENEVA WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN THESE TWO POINTS FOR A FURTHER TEMPORARY PERIOD. THE DEPARTMENT IS FURTHER PLEASED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE UNITED STATES AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE AIR FRANCE TO SERVE MEXICO CITY VIA WASHINGTON WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN THESE POINTS FOR A SIMILAR TEMPORARY PERIOD. UNQUOTE.

2. IN DELIVERING NOTE, DEPTOFF MADE FOLLOWING ORAL REMARKS:

A. WASHINGTON-MEXICO CITY BLIND SECTOR AUTHORIZATION FOR AIR FRANCE DOES NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF USE OF CONCORDE AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING US. AIR FRANCE WOULD NEED AMENDMENT OF ITS FAA OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

B. USG CONTINUES BELIEVE THAT PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE IS PERMISSIBLE AND URGES FRENCH AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW OPERATION IN QUESTION AT LEAST PENDING CONSULTATIONS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE FRENCH AUTHORITIES OF TEXT US NOTE WHICH WE ASSUME WILL RESULT IN PROMPT EXTENSION OF TWA'S BLIND SECTOR AUTHORITY. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REITERATE REMARKS IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

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